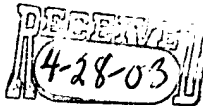


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With respect to the above-listed pending application, applicant requests reconsideration.

REMARKS

Claim 25 in the pending application was rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hintzman et al. The Examiner noted Applicant has already distinguished Hintzman et al. in Paper No. 2 (preliminary amendment filed on 11-09-01). In that amendment, Applicant amended claim 25 to more clearly denote the claimed detection of blocking artifacts in an image.

The Examiner equates a "block boundary" with "a byte boundary", and equates "artifact" with "artificially introduced bits". The interpretation adopted by the Examiner is incorrect and was improperly used as the basis for the 102(e) rejection. The Examiner

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